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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Madras State Warehousing Corporation started functioning in 1958. In the Second Plan, it opened 15 temporary warehouses as per programme. In the Third Plan period it is proposed to open 20 temporary warehouses. By the end of the Third Plan it has to account for storage accommodation for 49,500 tons by construction of godowns at 27 centres.

Cashew cultivation

*1660-D *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வண்டலூரில் முந்திரி பயிரிடுதல் பற்றி ஆராய்ச்சி நடத்த ஒரு ஆராய்ச்சி கேந்திரம் நிறுவியுள்ளது உண்மையா ?

(இ) அப்படியானால் அதன் விவரம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government sanctioned in March 1961, the establishment of a cashew research centre at Vandalur. The research centre is located at Vandalur over an area of about ten acres. The staff of one ranger, one forester, one lower division clerk, one peon and one mali has been sanctioned for carrying out the research work during 1961–62. It will start functioning shortly.

Death of a Policeman—Compensation to family

* 1660-E *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have awarded any compensation to the family of constable Subramani Pillai who was killed in a lorry accident near Nagercoil on 1st February 1961?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The correct name of the Police constable is Ramasubramanya Pillai. He was killed in a lorry accident on 23rd January 1961. No compensation as such is payable by Government in that case. His family is eligible for family pension and death-*cum*-retirement gratuity under the Madras Liberalized Pension Rules, 1960, and action has accordingly been taken to sanction the same.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Since the constable died in harness will the Government reconsider the matter and give some adequate compensation to the family of the deceased?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All that is done under the existing rules.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the circumstances under which the constable met with his death?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : On 23rd January 1961 at 6 a.m. one Natarajan, son of Sivanandam Pillai was driving a lorry from Nagercoil towards Thuckalay along Nagercoil-Trivandrum Road. The lorry was loaded with 213 bags of groundnuts,